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The Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger, Governor  
State of California  
State Capitol, First Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

I respectfully request that you veto Senate Bill 1897 (Burton), which is inconsistent with the childcare reforms you had proposed in your budget. For the record, I am opposed to this measure, though I inadvertently voted for it during the late hour onslaught of bills on the last night of session.

SB 1897 is representative of the many tricks the majority party routinely employs to get controversial measures through the Legislature at the last moment. It was passed through the entire process as mere intent language. The first time Republicans saw the language was at the conference committee, despite promises from the majority that we would be kept informed. *This disregard for bipartisan solutions will be the rule until it is absolutely clear to the majority party that you will veto bills created in this way.*

Aside from this abuse of process, SB 1897 warrants a veto for policy reasons as well. First, the language is overly broad and vague in an attempt to disguise the real goal of the legislation – unionization of childcare workers. Many of the provisions in the measure are duplicative of current law. For a measure that purports to enact “childcare reform,” I see no evidence of how this measure will actually reform the system in a way that will better the care given to children or assist the parents that rely on childcare.

Again, let me reiterate that I am not supportive of this measure, despite my “aye” vote on the Assembly Floor during the last night of session, and I request your veto of this measure.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tim Leslie".

TIM LESLIE  
Assemblyman, Fourth District

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